

# Extra! Extra!

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## Time: Lost and Found

Thanks to the watchful eye of Surplus Property employee Michael Brock, a man was reunited with a watch stolen from him almost a year ago. Craig Volrath of Glen Burnie received a watch for 30 years of service at Northrop Grumman, where he is employed as a Production Coordinator. Volrath, who has worked for Northrop Grumman for 34 years, was quite surprised to get a phone call from Brock.

The watch arrived in a batch of abandoned jewelry/accessories that Surplus receives from the Maryland Department of Public Safety and Correctional Services. Through city regulations, inmates have 30 days to have someone claim the personal effects taken from them when they are jailed. This includes credit cards, music CD's, and jewelry. When no claim is made, the items are poly-bagged and labeled with the inmate's name and number. Then, the bags are shipped to Surplus where a detailed check-in process begins.

"We sit at the table and lay everything out," says Brock, MSASP's Wood Shop Supervisor. "There are

multiple employees there to make sure the check-point process is accurate." Working from detailed Excess Property Disposal Orders from the DGS Inventory Standards and Support Services Division, employees catalog and store items in a warehouse safe.

Every once in a while, something special comes along. "When I saw the watch, I noticed it was in very good condition," Brock said. "I turned it over and saw the inscription." Engraved on the back of the watch was 'C. Volrath- 30 Years, Northrop Grumman.' Brock then called Northrop Grumman, which is located just down I-295 from MSASP, and located Volrath, who is still employed there.

It was only a short time before Craig Volrath and his watch were reunited. Volrath has no idea how the watch ended up in the bags on the table at MSASP. But that's not so much of a concern to MSASP workers, who were simply happy to provide the watch back to Volrath, and give him back a little bit of "lost time."

# MSASP Hosts NASASP Summer Meeting

This past July, MSASP hosted representatives from across the country for the National Association of State Agencies for Surplus Property annual summer convention.



Surplus Directors, Federal Agency representatives, and their guests arrived the weekend of July 20<sup>th</sup> to settle into the Columbia Sheraton. Some came for selected pre-meetings specific to the Associations' needs. Others used the weekend as time to tour Maryland's tourist attractions such as the Inner Harbor, Annapolis, and Camden Yards.

The conference got underway July 23<sup>rd</sup> with a welcome from Secretary of State John Willis, followed by other speakers, breakout meetings, and seminars. The National Committee met to discuss plans and strategy for the next two to five years. There was also a targeted session on how to reach out to clients.

Monday night presented conference attendees the opportunity to take a special walking tour of Annapolis. They received a candlelight tour pointing out the fine history and intricacies of our capital. Guests then had dinner on their own and met the bus back to

Columbia. Transportation was provided by the Maryland Department of Transportation.

On day two, Conference attendees were greeted by Peta N. Richkus, Secretary of the Maryland Department of General Services. Other sessions included subjects such as compliance, allocation criteria, and presentations from the federal agencies.

Entertainment continued the second night of the conference. During dinner, a performance by the Otter Productions Murder Mystery Theatre Group presented guests with "Raven About Murder." The show, complete with appearances by Baltimore's own claim to fame, Edgar Allen Poe, was a success.

After solving the crime, it was time for the annual awards presentation. MSASP received an award in appreciation for hosting the conference.

Each winter, NASASP members gather in Washington, DC for the Mid-Winter Conference. The next summer meeting is scheduled to take place in conjunction with the Users and Screeners Association's conference in Portland, OR.



Boy Scout Troop 346 of Pasadena presented the colors at the NASASP Summer Conference.

# SURPLUS STORE (STATE)



Lateral filing cabinet \$40



Distiller \$75



18" x 18" Carpet Squares \$250/pallet



Wooden Desk \$60

## **State Item of the Month**

Lawn Mower \$50





## Fixed Price Vehicles Now Available!

The Federal Surplus Property Program can now offer State Agencies, municipalities, and other non-profit organizations the opportunity to acquire vehicles at an affordable price.

The General Services Administration (GSA) sponsors the Fixed Price Vehicles Program as a method of selling used cars, trucks, and vans to eligible groups before the vehicles are offered for sale to the public.

For the most part, the vehicles offered through this program are often of a much higher quality than those found at Surplus. In general, they are newer and have fewer miles.

Given their condition, these vehicles are priced accordingly. Like the Federal Surplus Property Program, the Fixed Price Vehicles are available from GSA through our agency. If you have a need for a certain type of vehicle, GSA will attempt to match your request with their list of available vehicles. All requests are processed as they are received, and the price quoted by GSA is the final selling price.

For more information regarding this valuable program, please contact Mark Hechmer at (410) 540-4067. We look forward to helping you find the vehicle to meet your needs!

## Modular in a Minute

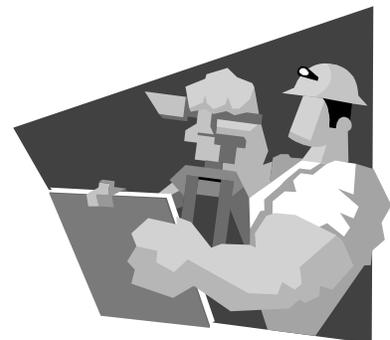
One of Surplus Property's most prosperous enterprises is the modular furniture shop. The last issue of the newsletter featured an article about MSASP's participation in the renovation of the Miller Senate Office Building in Annapolis. Since then, MSASP workers have been active in many more repairs and revitalizations of offices statewide.

Upholstery Shop Supervisor Jim Brown, along with Modular Shop Supervisor Jerry Cord installed five cubicles in the Comptroller's Office in Annapolis and at the Secretary of State's Office at the Jeffrey Building on Francis Street. Next on the list is work for the DGS Office of Real Estate.

Need modular work done in your office building? Think you can't afford it?

Think again. By allowing MSASP to perform your modular construction, you save valuable dollars, and can put that money back into your department, organization, or company.

The average cost of a fully equipped modular unit is about \$3,500. Interested? Contact Jim Brown at 410-540-4075 for further information and a free estimate.



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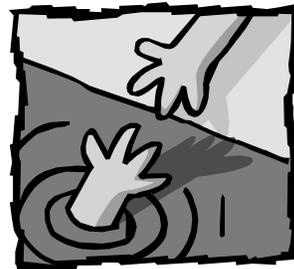
## Helping Those in Need

Although the MSASP warehouse is known as a place to *shop* for items, it is also a place where organizations in need can go for help. Over the years, MSASP has donated countless items to schools, community groups, and more; free of cost simply to “give back” to the community.

Recently, MSASP donated 10 computers to Reverend Dr. Paul A. Wells of the New Revival Baptist Church in Forestville, MD. Reverend Wells uses the computers to educate youngsters and familiarize them with the Internet, as well as provide computer training to adult males recently released from the Prince George’s County Detention Center.

But MSASP’s good deeds don’t apply only to organizations or businesses. The warehouse is cooperating with the

Department of Social Services to sell automobiles to individuals on public assistance. The program is called “Vehicles for TCA Clients.” For more information, inquire at the regional DSS office.



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